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Thomas P. Parks et al.

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Examiner: Vickie Kim

Art Unit: 1614

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Sir:

Applicants were notified on March 22, 2003 by Office communication (copy attached) that prosecution of this application was suspended for a period of six months. Applicants were invited to make inquiry upon expiration of the period of suspension.

Accordingly, Applicants request the status of the application.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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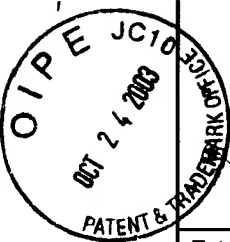
All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of re-suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

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